

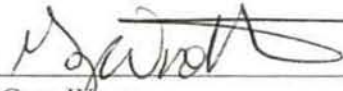
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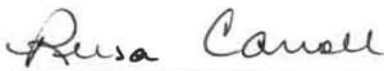
AFFIDAVIT

I the undersigned being first duly sworn verify under oath that I am the Church Administrator at First Baptist Church of Fort Smith, Arkansas and prepared the material consisting of 4 pages which is attached to this affidavit and swear that is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.


Greg Wootten

Subscribed and sworn to before me the undersigned notary public on this fifth day of January, 2012.




Reesa Carroll

My commission expires:

June 19, 2012

Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Attention: Disability Rights Office, Room 3-B431
9300 East Hampton Drive
Capitol Heights, MD 20743

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Petition for Exemption from Closed Captioning Requirements

Reference CGB-CC-0203

The intent of First Baptist Church of Fort Smith, Arkansas is to keep HOPE FROM ABOVE which is the television broadcast of the Sunday morning service, a live program. The purpose is to provide this service to those people in northwestern and western Arkansas and northeastern and eastern Oklahoma who cannot attend a worship service. We currently generate the words to songs on an in-house screen and this has proven to be relatively simple given that we know what songs will be sung in our services ahead of time.

As stated above, our services are broadcast live each Sunday morning and have been since 1953. Our pastor uses abbreviated notes in his sermons each week and will frequently vary from those abbreviated notes, so generation of his actual sermon isn't possible using the methodology used for songs noted in the previous paragraph. We have researched options for live captioning and have attached the bid we received for outsourcing live captioning to Aberdeen Captioning (see Attachment 1). The cost associated with the captioning service alone would be approximately \$7,700. In addition to the captioning service, we would need additional phone lines, and additional hardware needed for our current broadcast arrangement. Our bids for these products have totaled approximately \$8,000. This brings the total financial burden for closed captioning to the \$15,000-\$16,000 range to continue our live broadcast.

Furthermore, additional human resources (man-hours, wages, etc.) would be needed to set up the closed captioning and also insure that the system is ready for each live broadcast. If required to close

caption our webcasts and re-broadcasts, our Media staff would require approximately 1.5 days per week to edit the broadcast to prepare it for the webcasts and re-broadcast production. This would obviously take them away from their existing workload which would require us to seek additional paid staff. In order to record a live broadcast, we would need additional equipment that runs in the \$8,000 range.

In conclusion, I ask that the Federal Communications Commission consider continuing the exemption from closed captioning requirements for First Baptist Church, Fort Smith, Arkansas because the requirements would create undue burden on human resources and finances; man-hours, additional wages, and equipment. The fact that our services are initially broadcast live creates further difficulty in captioning the Pastor's sermon each week to the quality we would desire to achieve.

If more information is needed, please contact me at the address below.

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CLOSED CAPTIONING

Aberdeen Captioning is the leader in providing closed captioning to the Christian broadcasting community. We produce live and post-production closed captioning, subtitles, DVDs, webcasts and other services to fit your budget. We provide captioning to 100+ ministries including: KTBN... The Church of Jacksonville...Daystar...Tony Evans/The Urban Alternative...Hillsong (Australia)... Cornerstone TV...Joseph Prince (Singapore)...In Touch Ministries...Carroll Roberson Ministries... Amazing Facts...Oral Roberts University...Bill Winston Ministries...Victory Christian Center... Balanced Living and many, many more!

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LIVE CAPTIONING SERVICES & RATES

LIVE CAPTIONING	30 MIN. PROGRAM	\$75-105 PER PROGRAM
	60 MIN. PROGRAM	\$110-145 PER PROGRAM
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is what you need if your program is broadcasting live. 		

LIVE-TO-TAPE CAPTIONING AT YOUR LOCATION	30 MIN. PROGRAM	\$75-105 PER PROGRAM
	60 MIN. PROGRAM	\$110-145 PER PROGRAM
INITIAL SETUP COSTS		\$3,500
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Caption a tape at your location. Easy setup allows for a quick turnaround and lower cost over time. 		

POST-PRODUCTION CAPTIONING SERVICES & RATES (30 MINUTE WEEKLY SHOW)

LIVE-TO-TAPE CAPTIONING	30 MIN. PROGRAM	*\$175 PER PROGRAM
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roll-up closed captions created in a live format. 98%+ accuracy. An excellent product that exceeds FCC requirements. 		

STANDARD ROLL-UP CAPTIONING	30 MIN. PROGRAM	*\$250 PER PROGRAM
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roll-up closed captions created and synched to spoken word. 99.5% accuracy. At Aberdeen, we call this "Standard" and in comparison, you'll find this quality better than most other captioning companies' premium level. 		

PREMIUM ROLL-UP CAPTIONING	30 MIN. PROGRAM	*\$315 PER PROGRAM
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roll-up closed captions created and synched to spoken word (DCMP guidelines). 100% accuracy. If you want the best roll-up captioning in the industry, this is it! 		

POP-ON CAPTIONING & SUBTITLES	CALL FOR PRICING	PHONE: 800-688-6621
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Typically used for movies and DVDs. 		

* INCLUDES NLE/DIRECT FILE, BETA SP, DVCAM, DVCPRO OR MINIDV STOCK

ATTACHMENT 2

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS**

**SUMMARY OF INCOME – EXPENSE
2011**

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENSE</u>
JANUARY	\$319,301	\$206,096
FEBRUARY	\$272,722	\$286,579
MARCH	\$299,085	\$282,532
APRIL	\$264,250	\$269,580
MAY	\$354,926	\$321,378
JUNE	\$306,304	\$301,570
JULY	\$341,313	\$237,183
AUGUST	\$276,636	\$273,953
SEPTEMBER	\$279,757	\$295,118
OCTOBER	\$319,213	\$319,260
NOVEMBER	\$248,690	\$240,467
DECEMBER	\$388,691	\$300,981
 TOTAL	 \$3,670,888	 \$3,334,697